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J. E. LEWIS IS GIVEN 6 MONTHS ON ROAD

Alson Fined \$500; Unusual Interest Centers Around Liquor Case.

A case of more than usual interest was tried in Recorder's Court here Tuesday when J. E. Lewis, manager of the Busy Bee Cafe, was arraigned before the court charged with having a ten gallon keg of whiskey in his possession. E. J. Wellons was attorney for Lewis, assisted by Congressman E. W. Pou. Solicitor Harry P. Johnson was assisted by E. S. Abell. This case following on the heels of the Boyd affair of the previous week had aroused interest throughout the community and had created considerable comment.

Chiefs Cable and Stevens were called to the witness stand first and told the story of the finding of the whiskey in Lewis' garage under the floor. J. T. Barham was next called to the stand the gist of his evidence being that the liquor, in his opinion, was new liquor and not about three years old as was stated by the defendant. John R. Morris, Editor of The Smithfield Observer, was the next witness, Lewis having told him the story of the arrest.

Lewis himself was then put on the stand, the cross examination bringing out certain facts concerning his life. He is a Greek, thirty-four years old. He came to this country when a lad of thirteen years. He lived in New York for about a year and a half and then came to North Carolina. He made his home in Fayetteville for ten or eleven years previous to locating in Smithfield. He has lived in this city about six years. He married an American woman and has six children. In regard to the charge against him he denied having the whiskey in his possession for the purpose of sale, denied having made trips of mysterious purport to the eastern part of the state, and denied ever having sold any whiskey in Smithfield.

A number of character witnesses were then examined some testifying that this character was good and others stating that it was bad. Among the character witnesses were prominent citizens of Smithfield.

The evidence all in, Congressman E. W. Pou, made the plea for defence. Mr. Pou told the court that he had ceased to practice law years ago, that he would make a plea for mercy that having made this plea his connection with the case was ended. He urged that Lewis had proven a good character, that this was the first offense charged against him, that his wife and six children, the oldest being only eleven years would be left helpless.

Mr. Pou said he knew Lewis was guilty on his own statement, that he came into court with reluctance, but because of many kindly acts on the part of Lewis he had consented to plead for mercy. He said the Volstead Law was here to stay, that it would never be amended to permit the manufacture of wine or beer, that those who were violating the law had better quit because sooner or later they would be surely caught.

Mr. Pou's plea for mercy was earnest and many in the court room were visibly moved as he begged the Judge not to impose a road sentence. Give him a stiff fine, but spare his family the disgrace of a road sentence were practically the words of Congressman Pou.

Following this eloquent appeal, Hon. Ed. S. Abell addressed the court. Mr. Abell reviewed the evidence in the case. He reiterated the fact that the law of the land had been broken—broken by a man fully intelligent and capable of realizing the consequences of such a course. That he was guilty and why the court should show any difference in dealing with the negro of last week and with the defendant in this case he could not see. He called attention to the impartial judgment as meted out by Judge Noble in the past, and asked that he pronounce the same unbiased decision in this instance. He made a strong plea for law enforcement. He called to mind the awful havoc which the hellish brew causes in breaking homes. He implored that the court take cognizance of the fact that night after night mothers lay awake

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE SOLD IN BENSON

Entire Business Block In Heart Of Town Sold To W. S. Murchison, Of Raleigh

One of the largest real estate transactions ever made in Johnston county was closed Tuesday at Benson when Mr. Alonzo Parrish sold to Mr. W. S. Murchison, of Raleigh, a solid business block consisting of five large brick stores, one hotel, one large brick auto sales and service building and five valuable business lots, also eighteen houses and lots and about 75 vacant residential lots. It is not known just how much was paid for this property, but judging from the revenue stamps on the deed which was filed Wednesday it is thought that the amount was something like \$150,000.00.

Mr. Murchison stated that it is his intention to sell the majority of this property and he will probably put on an auction sale of the houses and lots about the middle of July, and the business property will probably be sold some time in the fall.

This property which Mr. Murchison has brought, is considered some of the most valuable property in one of the best towns; and in one of the most progressive counties in the state.

Picnic At McCullers Mill

On Saturday afternoon, the Elizabeth Epworth League gave a picnic at the McCullers Mill. The time was very pleasantly spent in swimming and fishing. About sunset a delicious supper was served.

awaiting the return of intoxicated sons, and wives pray through long nights of waiting before their drunken husbands return in the wee sma hours. The burden of Mr. Abell's plea was for justice that such conditions might be changed.

A silence pregnant with suspense greeted the words of Judge Noble preliminary to announcing the sentence. The judge stated that when he took the duties of his office little did he think of the unpleasant duties he would be called upon to perform.

"If I accept the plea of the defense, I cannot look that negro of last week in the face," said Judge Noble. The defendant has been caught violating the law. It would be an insult to his intelligence, he stated, to believe the testimony of Lewis on the stand. Law must be enforced. If officials in North Carolina were doing their duty, whiskey would be \$50 per quart it would be so scarce. He felt sorry for the defendant and his family.

But, says Judge Noble, the disgrace which shall come to his wife and six little children will not be the road sentence which may be imposed, but the disgrace will be in the fact that he has violated the law. Then the judge stated that his decision was a fine of \$500 and six months on the roads.

Efforts were made to have the sentence lessened but Judge Noble remained firm and though contrary reports have been freely circulated the sentence now remains as imposed at the close of Mr. Abell's speech in the court room. The defendant, however, took an appeal to the Superior Court.

Other cases disposed of in Recorder's Court this week are as follows:

State vs. Bud Hudson, charged with violating prohibition laws, was found guilty and sentenced to six months on road and required to pay costs.

State vs. Charlie Martin and Savannah Martin, assault with deadly weapon. They were found guilty and Charlie Martin was fined \$25.00 and costs. Judgment was suspended as to Savannah Martin.

State vs. John Sanders, colored, charged with violating prohibition laws. Not guilty.

State vs. Pharoah Jenkins, larceny. He was bound over to Superior Court under \$500 bond.

State vs. Keely Terry, charged with blockading. Found guilty and was given 18 months on roads and required to pay costs.

State vs. Joe Redmond, assault with deadly weapon. Guilty; fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Isaiah Watson, Melvin Baldwin, and Ruffin Watson, charged with affray. Ruffin Watson found not guilty. Isaiah Watson and Melvin Baldwin guilty, and each required to pay one-half costs.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT M. E. CHURCH

Missionary Society Gives Memorial Service for Miss Belle Bennett

Sunday evening, the usual church service was omitted at the Methodist church here, and in its stead a most impressive memorial service to Miss Belle H. Bennett, a synonym of vision and achievement among women of the Southern Methodist church, was conducted by the local Missionary Society. For thirty-five years previous to her death Miss Bennett led the hosts of Southern Methodist womanhood, her supreme service being the establishment of the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City, Mo.

The members of the local auxiliary assembled in the primary room of the church and marched in singing a hymn. Those having a part on the program took their places inside the chancel the others occupying seats especially reserved for them.

Mrs. J. D. Spiers, president of the auxiliary, presided over the service, reading the scripture lesson first. This was followed by a prayer dedicated to Miss Bennett by Deaconess Emily Olmstead, which was read in concert by the members of the Society. Mrs. E. I. Poole then gave an interesting talk on the "Vision and Life" of Miss Bennett.

Mrs. L. G. Patterson interestingly told of how the Scarritt Bible and Training School is carrying the gospel to other countries. Mrs. Rosser Lane briefly told of the plans to enlarge the school and provide religious training for lay workers for various types of service at home and abroad.

A poem dedicated to the memory of Miss Bennett was read by Miss Thelma Peedin and Mrs. L. T. Royall explained why a memorial should be raised to honor her memory. Mrs. J. D. Spiers, who was the last on the program, told of the plan for raising the necessary money for the establishment of this memorial, which was adopted by the Woman's Missionary Council during its meeting in Mobile, Ala. The sum to be raised by the local society is \$300.00 and \$200 of this amount was pledged by members of the society and friends at the close of the service.

BIRTH RATE TAKES JUMP IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

By CY Johnson

On June 9th, 1923, Nanny Clayton, N. C., Route 1, gave birth to four sons. They are black as ink, healthy and eternally calling for nourishment. Their mother, Nanny, of course is perplexed and worried over the task before her. But the nurse has taken them in charge and says that she is going to raise them black rascals anyhow.

And this is the way she is doing it. At six in the morning two are taken from their box (the family is too poor to have a real crib) and put to the mother and allowed two hours to get their fill then returned to the box when the other two go to the mother for the same period. And to avoid getting them mixed, as to which is which, a red ribbon is tied about the necks of two. Of course they get their bath when needed and Bee Brand insect powder is freely used to keep off the skeeters and other varmints, so the nurse says.

They have not yet been named except one name for the four "Quartette." The nurse wants them named according to their voices she says. That is the one with the low voice to be named Bass, the next lowest Baritone, the other two first and second Tenor. Her ambition is to make them singers. The nurse says she is going to bring them to Cleveland Township Community Fair this next October and expects them to take first place as quadruplets. I neglected to say that the mother is a goat and the kids will be sometime.

In Honor Of Miss Fox

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodall entertained quite a number of young people at their home in Brooklyn in honor of their guest, Miss Jean Fox, of Chacatawissa, Pa. Music and dancing were the features of the evening. At a late hour a delicious ice course was served. About fifty guests were present.

SHORT COURSE FOR THREE COUNTIES

Johnston Represented by 50 Club Boys and Girls At Wilson

Fifty Johnston County club boys and girls and twice that many from Wayne and twice that many from Wilson County have been in Wilson this week attending a short course in Home Demonstration work. These three counties arranged with Atlantic Christian College to use their building for this course and Tuesday afternoon found school trucks from Wayne and Johnston unloading boys and girls and supplies on the college campus. Those who are conducting the course are Mrs. Estelle Smith, the district agent, Miss Janie Roberts of Wayne, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison of Johnston, Mr. B. F. Ferguson of Wilson, Mr. A. K. Robertson, of Wayne, and Mr. N. B. Stevens of Johnston. Miss Bridge, County Home Agent in Harnett, has been assisting in giving demonstrations.

The following clubs in Johnston County sent representatives: Princeton, Wilson's Mills, Wildwood, Selma, Batten, Creech, Pomona, Pine Level, Kenly, Glendale, Micro, and Royall (Tlevation). Ladies who are assisting in making the boys and girls comfortable and giving them a good time are Miss Lillian Edgerden, of Kenly, Miss Ila Mae Hardee, of the Wildwood section, Mrs. A. J. Whitley, Jr., Smithfield Route One, and Mrs. Clifton Beasley of this city.

A number of courtesies have been extended those attending the course, by Wilson people. On Tuesday evening the Rotary club had picnic lunch on the campus with the club boys and girls contributing ice cream and drinks to the menu. The entire school were guests of the Wilson Theatre Wednesday afternoon when a well-known picture, "The Inside of the Cup," was presented.

The daily program consists of demonstrations in various lines of home making, but recreational features are not neglected. Wednesday afternoon just before the supper hour, Miss Mary E. Well, assistant county superintendent of schools, delighted the boys and girls with several stories. Wednesday evening was devoted to club activities, each club telling something of what they were doing. Last night was stunt night and fun prevailed.

The short course closes today and the Johnston County folks expect to be back in Smithfield by four o'clock. At which time the Kiwanis club will serve lemonade to the group on the court house square before they disperse for their homes in various parts of the county.

NORTH CAROLINA GETS INCREASED ALLOTMENT

Mr. Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, N. C., State Aide to the Secretary of War for procurement of candidates for Citizens' Military Training Camps has received the following wire from Mr. Clark Howell, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia, who is the Corps Area Aide to the Secretary of War:

"Additional quota assigned Southern States of six hundred by War Department for Citizens' Military Training Camps. Three hundred more qualified applicants needed from your state before July tenth. Please give all additional publicity possible through newspapers and local representatives. The old Southern States lead the country, let's show the War Department we can produce the needed applicants."

The above wire means that in addition to the three hundred vacancies mentioned there is room for 250 more men from North Carolina at these training camps, making a total of 650 vacancies in all in this state. North Carolina, though second in population among the eight Southeastern states is very close to the bottom as regards procurement of candidates for these camps.

Application blanks and information can be obtained from Mr. Albert L. Cox, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Circle Number Four of the Methodist Missionary Society met with Mrs. J. C. Bingham Wednesday afternoon. The devotional and business session was followed by a social hour. During the afternoon fruit punch was served.

CANNOT ACCEPT U. S. SUGGESTION

No Provision in Customs Law Under Which They Could Refuse Clearance to Ships.

Washington, June 22.—Canadian government has informed the state department, through a note from the British ambassador here, of its inability to adopt the suggestion put forward by the department last March that clearance papers be declined to vessels with cargoes of liquor destined to ports in the United States unless a permit authorizing its importation was presented.

The department in announcing today receipt of the note explained that it had addressed a note to the British ambassador for transmission to the Canadian authorities, drawing their attention to the difficulties experienced in enforcing the prohibition laws of the United States along the Canadian border. It was pointed out that the Canadian authorities permitted small motor boats to take on cargoes of liquor and to make regular customs clearance to ports in the United States, thus complying with the Canadian law, which prohibits the sale of liquors to persons in Canada, but allows the exportation to foreign country.

It was suggested that since the importation of liquor into the United States without a permit was illegal the Canadian officials might be disposed to decline clearance papers to vessels with cargoes of liquor destined to ports in the United States unless permits authorizing importation were presented.

The reply of the Canadian government through the British ambassador, received Tuesday, said it had carefully investigated the matter and had ascertained that the provisions of the law were being properly observed. It was further stated that the export of liquor from Canada was not prohibited and there existed no provisions in the customs laws or regulations warranting refusal of clearance papers to vessels carrying liquor destined for a foreign port simply because its entry without special permits is prohibited.

TRAIN CRASH KILLS 7 AND INJURES 83

New York, June 25.—Seven persons were killed and 83 injured today when two wooden cars plunged from a Brooklyn elevated structure into the borough's busiest traffic intersection. The killed included two persons in an automobile which was buried under the elevated cars.

The two-car train, well filled with an early afternoon crowd of women, children and a few men, jumped the rails, ripped through rotted guard beams, tottered on the edge of the structure while hundreds of passers-by stood still bound in terror, and pan-caked on its side to the pavement, a mass of splintered debris.

Carrying with it a mesh of electric trolley wires, the train hurtled to the pavement amid spurts of blue flame and crackling wire. As screams of the pained passengers many of them transfixed by jagged sections of broken wood, rose above the crash, flames shot from underneath the cars and drove back pedestrians who ran to the scene.—Associated Press.

MR. THOMPSON LOSES HOUSE BY FIRE

Mr. London Thompson, who lives on Pine Level, Route 1, in the Stevens Chapel section had the misfortune to have his house burned Tuesday morning about eight o'clock. The fire started in the center of the roof in the loft of the house away from the chimney. Men were in the field about a half a mile away, and Mrs. Thompson and daughter were washing in the yard. The fire had gained such headway when discovered that by the time help reached the scene, only the parlor suit of furniture and a kitchen safe were saved. There was no insurance and the loss is estimated at about \$4,000.

Minstrel Tought

Those who enjoy a good minstrel should not fail to attend the one given at the opera house this evening by local talent. An evening of fun is in store for all who go. See the advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

THE BOYD CASE IS DISPOSED OF

Sentence of 18 Months on Roads and \$100 Fine and Taxed With Costs

The case of State vs. Henry Boyd tried in the Recorder's Court on Tuesday, June 19, has been finally disposed of. Before the adjournment of court, Henry Boyd withdrew his appeal to the Superior court and Judge Noble reduced his road sentence from two years to eighteen months upon condition that Boyd pay the fine of \$100 and costs before beginning to serve his sentence upon the roads. It will be remembered from the evidence brought out in his trial that Boyd was convicted on two counts, one for transporting liquor, the other for having it in his possession for the purpose of sale. It was also shown that he had been formerly tried by Judge Brooks for bootlegging but the evidence in that instance was insufficient to convict. Boyd has already begun to serve his sentence.

LEGION TO TEACH REVERENCE FOR FLAG

Washington, June 28.—The recent action of the American Legion in drawing up a code for flag observance strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of all lovers of the Stars and Stripes.

This code, covering proper civilian usage of the American flag and conduct in its presence was adopted at the conference of national organizations called by the American Legion, and a permanent committee authorized to disseminate it throughout the country.

Each of the more than sixty organizations represented is to promote the study of the words and music of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and its teaching in all schools and in juvenile organizations, as suggested by President Harding. State legislatures are asked to enact uniform laws requiring display of the flag in over all schools, parks, and playgrounds, and over other public buildings.

The code covers fifteen rules for display of the flag and a list of fifteen "things to avoid," in addition to setting forth the proper use of bunting, the salutes and pledges to the flag.

The suggestion of a fine arts commission that the flag is "the wrong shape" meets with little approval.

The flag is now 1.90 in length to 1 in width, 10 feet long when it is 10 feet wide. The proportions say the arbiters of beauty should be 1.67 to 1. The flag is too long for its width to satisfy the sense of beauty of those who make beauty their business.

The general consensus of opinion seems to be that regardless of the laws of proportion, the flag, in its present shape has been so long identified with all that is revered in American ideals that a change in it would be a desecration, not an improvement.—Capital News Service.

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL

I want to thank The Progressive Farmer for the recent article urging boys and girls to stay in school.

When I was small my father and mother made a pet of me. I did not like to go to school, so they let me stay at home. The result is that now I have to get my wife to do my writing and reading. I certainly do enjoy listening to her read after supper at night, as we gather around the fireside. Even when tired out from my daily routine of farm work.

Children it is heartbreaking to be grown up and yet have to ask someone else to read a story or letter to you.

The greatest mistake a man can make it to rear a family without giving each one of them an education. A child does not know or even care anything about the value of an education. My wife and I are working together to give our children an education. We encourage them all we can and I point out to them the great mistake I made and the greater mistake of my parents.—J. R. in The Progressive Farmer.

Mrs. Helen Beasley attended the Short Course in Home Demonstration Work given at Wilson this week for club girls and boys from Wayne, Wilson and Johnston Counties, as director of games and plays.